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Letter dated 4 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the French and English texts of the statement on Angola issued by the European Community and its 12 member States on 31 May 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 30 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Jean FEYDER
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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement on Angola published by the European Community and its 12 member States on 31 May 1991

The Community and its member States welcome the signature by the Government of Angola and by UNITA of the Peace Agreements of Estoril which, in marking the end of the civil war, give promise of a new era in Angola.

They congratulate the two sides and encourage them to pursue in a constructive spirit the dialogue thus begun, which constitutes an important milestone on the road to establishing a new framework of peace and stability for the country and for the whole region.

This stage is the point of departure of a long and difficult process. Many questions will thus need to be addressed in the coming months. In particular, the Community and its member States appeal to both parties to spare no effort to facilitate the putting in place of the Joint Political Military Commission.

The Community and its member States reiterate their commitment to participate, as their means allow, in the reconstruction of the country.

They note, finally, the exemplary role played by the Mediator and the Observers and warmly congratulate Portugal in particular, which has succeeded, by its tireless commitment, in reconciling in less than a year the divergent positions of the Angolan Government and UNITA.